

Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
MB Docket No. 04-233

I submit the following comments in response to the Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the “NPRM”), released Jan. 24, 2008, in MB Docket No. 04-233.

Any new FCC rules, policies or procedures must not violate First Amendment rights. A number of proposals discussed in the NPRM, if enacted, would do so – and must not be adopted.

The FCC must not force radio stations, especially religious broadcasters, to take advice from people who do not share their values. The NPRM’s proposed advisory board proposals would impose such unconstitutional mandates. Religious broadcasters who resist advice from those who don’t share their values could face increased harassment, complaints and even loss of license for choosing to follow their own consciences, rather than allowing incompatible viewpoints to shape their programming. The First Amendment prohibits government, including the FCC, from dictating what viewpoints a broadcaster, particularly a religious broadcaster, must present.

The FCC must not turn every radio station into a public forum where anyone and everyone has rights to air time. Proposed public access requirements would do so – even if a religious broadcaster conscientiously objects to the message. The First Amendment forbids imposition of message delivery mandates on any religion.

The FCC must not force revelation of specific editorial decision-making information. The choice of programming, especially religious programming, is not properly dictated by any government agency – and proposals to force reporting on such things as who produced what programs would intrude on constitutionally-protected editorial choices.

The FCC must not establish a two-tiered renewal system in which certain licensees would be automatically barred from routine renewal application processing. The proposed mandatory special renewal review of certain classes of applicants by the Commissioners themselves would amount to coercion of religious broadcasters. Those who stay true to their consciences and present only the messages they correspond to their beliefs could face long, expensive and potentially ruinous renewal proceedings.

Many Christian broadcasters operate on tight budgets, as do many smaller market secular stations. Keeping the electricity flowing is often a challenge. Yet, the Commission proposes to further squeeze niche and smaller market broadcasters, by substantially raising costs in two ways: (a) by requiring staff presence whenever a station is on the air and, (b) by further restricting main studio location choices. Raising costs with these proposals would force service cutbacks – and curtailed

service is contrary to the public interest.

We urge the FCC not to adopt rules, procedures or policies discussed above.

I would further state that I would like to see much less vulgarity, violence and television shows that display authority figures as incompetent and bumbling fools, people to be disrespected. I do not like how particularly mothers and fathers are being portrayed as objects to be laughed at and made fun of. I believe that many programs are harmful to the American families. We need more family based programs displaying good leadership skills and portray an example of what a good healthy functioning family should look like. I see a lot of TV programs that appear to give expert tips on how to kill people without getting caught. (CSI) and others. Many other shows are based on having numerous sexual affairs as an acceptable healthy life style (Sex in the City). What happened to The Waltons, Gilligan's Island, The Brady Bunch, Mayberry RFD and the Beverly Hillbillies. The types of shows that were just good clean entertainment the whole family could watch. I have cable TV with many channels but only a scarce few are suitable for the whole family to watch. Shouldn't we be spending our family time viewing programs that build up the family with good strong moral character traits and high ideals. I believe we should be censoring out the bad language and the blatant disrespect for persons in authority. We currently have all kinds of profanity being used and violence in most every movie that comes out and most of the prime time television shows. I believe enforcing the high standards from the 50s and 60s would clean up our television and would positively affect our children and adult viewers, this would make our family stronger and make us a better country. I believe that America is the BEST country in the world and every one should do all that they can to make it better and stronger. I know many other people from many different nations watch our TV programs and think that is how America is. Let's set our standards back up high and enforce them. I am very tired of hearing profanity during prime time television and all the sex and violence and portraying the use of dangerous illegal drugs as glamorous and the cool thing to do. I really am very happy to have a good Christian Radio station to listen to when I have had a bad day or just being able to hear some of my favorite Ministers with a gospel message that lifts me up and helps to make me a better person. Please do all you can to protect Christian Radio and keep it pure and unhindered. They do a great deal of good in people's lives, mine included. Please do all that you can to enforce clean healthy TV programs and movies that the whole family can watch and build us up as Americans. Please no more Janet Jackson events during Super Bowls. What can be done about all those Enzyte type/ED/Herpies medicines... commercial being blasted at every opportunity during shows that a lot of children are watching. I am a grandfather with 4 grandchildren so far and 4 grown children of my own. I want good clean television programs for them to watch and several good Gospel radio stations to be able to listen to. Please help keep America's Christian Radio Station on the air and unhindered and not placed in an unstable position by adding a bunch of requirements that would impede spreading The Gospel of Jesus Christ and the building up of God's people and their children. One of them may be the President some day. Let's keep America Free and strong and one nation under God that he will be pleased with enough to keep his blessing and favor on us. Thank you in advance for your help.

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